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- 1. VEB Isolierwork Zehdenick is subordinate to the Main Administration for Electrical Machine Construction of the Ministry for Machine Construction, It is one of the IKA (Installation-Kabel- und Apparatebau-Betriebe) group of organizations. Formerly it was one of three works (the other two being in central Berlin and Weissensee) belonging to a Jewish family firm called Jaroslows Glimmerwork G.m.b.H. The Nazis dispossessed the owners, and at the end of the war the concern was appropriated by the state; the three works were then established as independent entities.
- 2. The factory has three production departments, one for mica, one for plastics, and one for fabrics and paper. The total labor force numbers approximately 360.
- 3. The mica department has been producing stampings (Stanzteilen) for all types of wireless tubes since about January 1954. The factory has a complete monopoly for these products in East Germany, and the principal customers are the three RFT tube factories VEB Funkwerk Erfurt, VEB Roehrenwerk Muchlhausen and VEB Roehrenwerk Anna Seghers, Neuhaus, and the equipment factory, VEB Funkwerk Koepenick. The value of the total production of mica pressings for 1954 was 3,500,000 DME.
- Attempts have been made to use the darker-colored mica imported from the USSR but its quality does not come up to the requirements of high-frequency technique. The supply of raw material is irregular and production is often held up for lack of it. For the year 1954, the works submitted a requirement of 15 tons of mica, but only between 8 and 9 tons were received. For the year 1955, a similar requirement has been submitted, but to what extent this will be met by the allocation made through DIA Bergbau and DHZ Elektrotechnik is not known.

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5.	The plastics department makes small insulating tubes for cables out of Igelit powder and sheets, mainly for use in the electrical systems of motor vehicles and also in electric motors.	
6.	The fabrics and paper departments main product is insulating tape of various qualities, with a base of silk, linen and paper.	
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2.	VEB Funkwerk Koepenick obtains all its mica from VEB Isolierwerk Zehdenick, where the stocks are locked in a safe guarded by an SED party man.	25X1
3.	Comment: There was no information available regarding any direct Soviet interest in the factory, nor any more specific indication available as to the substandard quality of the Russian mica.	25X1
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